



Educational Consortium for  
Telecommunications Savings

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Request for Waiver - FCC Form 471 Application Filing Window

CC Docket No. 02-6

BEN: 125462

Entity: Mars Area School District

545 Route 228

Mars, PA 16046

Funding Year: 2017

Application Number: 171049066

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am respectfully requesting that you consider a request for waiver of a late filing for 471 Application #171049066 for Mars Area School District. I am the Operations Director for Educational Consortium for Telecommunications Savings, CRN #16024807, and I am submitting this request on their behalf.

During the application filing process, Mars area's technology department followed all of the rules related to the process. Once they had completed their bid evaluation process a letter of intent was sent to the vendor for signature so that an FCC Form 471 could be filed. At this point the technology director was called away and was out of district for an extended time. Directions were left to forward the signed LOI and quote to us so we could complete the filing once it was returned from the vendor.

We, Education Consortium, did try repeatedly to secure the necessary documentation to complete the filing but were unsuccessful. When the technology director returned and was made aware he forwarded all necessary documentation to us and asked that we file and request a waiver on their behalf. It was just the perfect storm of circumstances that kept this application from being filed within the "window".

I respectfully request that a consideration be made for Mars Area School District. They have been participants in the E-Rate process from its inception and have never missed a deadline in the previous years. Missing out on E-Rate funding would be a hardship for the students of this district.

With these facts in mind I respectfully request that a waiver be granted in their favor.

Sincerely,



Dawn L Belden

Operations Director for Educational Consortium

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